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FIGHT TO SAVE THE BLACK SHEEP

Famine on the Roof of the World

HIGH up on the lofty plateau of Afghanistan the United Nations, through its agricultural experts, is conducting one of those peaceful campaigns of which the outcome will mean the difference between poverty and prosperity for many of Afghanistan's people. It is a fight to save the valuable flocks of karakul (or caracul) sheep from extinction.

For centuries the Afghan herdsmen and shepherds have tended the karakul sheep on the windswept hillsides of their bleak countryside. These hardy little animals are valued for their close-cropped wool, which makes up into valuable fur coats. Its curly black texture is recognised in the world's markets as the finest of its kind, and Afghanistan has prized the

wool as its most valuable export.

More than a million Afghans depend for their livelihood on the karakul. During the past summer the shepherds have been out with their flocks roaming the high hills in search of pasture, and they are now descending into the valleys for the winter. Will there be enough food for the sheep to last the winter through? That is the question which means life or starvation to a million Afghans.

UNITED NATIONS EXPERTS

Since 1950 the karakul sheep population has been halved through lack of fodder. Hundreds of sheep have died for want of stored grass and greenstuff. The primitive methods of the Afghans have not been adequate to meet the peril, so the United Nations' experts were called in to advise. By the Khyber Pass route they penetrated into the remote villages and nomadic settlements of the shepherds of the karakul, and watched the flocks and the people.

In Kabul, the capital, the Afghanistan National Bank reported to the experts that more than £4,000,000 a year was being lost to the country's finances through the high death-rate of the karakul. If this could be prevented, two huge dams to supply water for the shepherds could be built.

As the experts watched the shepherds they noticed that each man was restricted to a small piece of land where he struggled to grow his winter fodder. If that source failed, then his flock would almost certainly die. No other shepherd came forward to share his grass or to assist his neighbour.

SHEPHERDS TO SHARE

So this winter Afghanistan is to see a revolution. Small co-operative groups are to be formed among the shepherds to share all the winter feed. During the summer collecting places for it have been provided in the valleys to protect it from storms.

This scheme sounds very simple and elementary, but the U.N. experts have had a hard task to get the Afghan shepherds to accept the plan to save their sheep.

This winter will decide whether the attempt to beat famine is a victory or a defeat for the United Nations. If more black sheep can prosper on the Roof of the World, then Afghanistan will be nearer to solving its economic problems.

Time for Tea?

Judging by her smile, this Sea Ranger is sending a message of good cheer from the training-vessel Foudroyant, anchored in Portsmouth Harbour.



EXPLORING THE PLANETS

Would-be space explorers from 13 countries have been discussing their problems and progress at the International Astronautical Congress in Stuttgart. Earlier, at the Belfast meeting of the British Association, space travel was the subject of an address by Dr. S. F. Singer, scientific liaison officer at the American Embassy in London.

Discussing atmospheric exploration in the United States, Dr. Singer mentioned experiments with three types of rocket, one of which, named the Viking, had reached a height of more than 130 miles. Dr. Singer and speakers at the Stuttgart Congress also referred to the possibilities of satellite rockets.

RUBBING IT IN

A man at Shipley, Yorkshire, was kept awake all one night recently by the grating and rasping of a hanging sign, swinging in the wind. Next morning he found the sign to be one advertising a well-known make of lubricating oil!

Astronautical experts are agreed that the establishment of a satellite, space station—a man-made Moon in miniature—rotating on a fixed orbit round the Earth, is a necessary preliminary to exploration of the planets.

One German engineer at Stuttgart exhibited a plan for a four-stage load-carrying rocket, the last section of which was to be a manned jet-driven projectile which would finally reach a fixed orbit round the Earth.

The satellite rocket described by Dr. Singer was to be unmanned, but would carry instruments capable of recording information about happenings in the upper atmosphere and transmitting it automatically by radio to Earth.

Among the many, many problems of interplanetary travel still to be solved are the control of a vessel in space, devices to enable a safe return to Earth in case of trouble, and methods of purifying the air in a space-ship on lengthy voyages.

NO POCKET MONEY

While carrying out researches into the kind of clothes worn by men 400 years ago, a film wardrobe man discovered that there were no pockets in those days.

Pockets were not introduced, apparently, until the 17th century; before then men were forced to carry their possessions in pouches.

Boys, of course, also lacked pockets—and pocket-money!

GIANT PIE

Denby Dale, in Yorkshire, has an old tradition for making mighty pies on special historic occasions.

It is planning to live up to its reputation with a Coronation Pie that will include among its ingredients the meat of eight prime bullocks and 15 cwt. of potatoes.

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MODERN REPORTING

John Steinbeck, the famous American novelist, who has been doing some reporting in this country, does without the usual notebook and pencil.

In the lapel of his jacket he has a tiny microphone, while an equally neat little recording box fits into his pocket. So when he wishes to conduct an interview there is no laborious scribbling. He simply presses a switch and the interview is recorded.

This lapel microphone is not a new idea; Mr. Churchill has been using one for six years for recording himself. Whenever he has an idea for a speech or for his war memoirs he can put it on record at once with the minimum of trouble. More than one person has wondered at the sight of the Prime Minister wandering about his gardens at Chartwell apparently talking to himself. He was simply using his lapel microphone.

1000 TONS IN A MATCHBOX

A very small star, only a third of the size of the Earth, has been discovered by two American astronomers; but it is composed of material so heavy that a matchboxful of it would weigh 1000 tons.

This newly-found star is estimated to have an atmosphere only a few feet deep, and a gravitational pull about four million times stronger than that of the Earth; so a man who weighs a mere 150 lbs. on Earth would weigh several hundred thousand tons on this star's surface.

MERMAIDS ON THE MOVE

Ten mermaids have just been sold for £8 each, along with 32 gnomes, two genii complete with lamps, a pair of seals, and a butterfly.

This unusual collection has been purchased by Southport Corporation from nearby Blackpool's stock of illumination equipment.

DIFFICULT TIMES IN THE ARGENTINE

By the C.N. Diplomatic Correspondent

THE Argentine needs the permanent orders for steady quantities of beef that Britain can sign, and Britain needs the meat, the Argentine having formerly been our biggest supplier; but unfortunately the South American republic is now going through a hard time economically—due to disastrous droughts and serious mistakes in policy—and as a result trade negotiations have been rendered more difficult than ever before.

The last few months have been a very difficult time for the Argentine President, General Juan Perón. The droughts reduced the amount of beef with which his negotiators could bargain, and, to add to his troubles, the Argentine people were eating more of it themselves.

This increased liking for well-cooked steaks set the President a problem he has so far failed to solve, and has brought a situation which seems fantastic to us in Britain.

The well-fed Argentines waste half the meat they have. General Perón, driving through Buenos Aires to his Government House, has described the dustbins as being full of food waiting to be carted away—and most of it meat.

Townsmen and the gaucho cowboys of the plains are contemptuous of the very idea of eating fish or poultry—of which there is no lack in this well-stocked South American country. Consequently, if the Argentine is to become more prosperous, more beef must be produced; and this means more farm equipment and machinery, more transport and tractors, and better roads.

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MACHINES ON OUR FARMS

The amount of money invested annually by British farmers in new machinery has risen from £6,000,000 in 1938 to £42,000,000 in 1951. During the same period the cost of operating agricultural machinery has risen from between less than £9,000,000 to £92,000,000.

It is not surprising to read in the same report that the number of horses used on our farms has dropped from 1,220,000 to 468,000.

YOUNG EXPLORERS BACK FROM ICELAND

The 75 members of the British School's Exploring Society's 14th expedition are now back home after spending six weeks in the wastes of Iceland. All agree that this second successive visit to Iceland made by the society has been an outstanding success as well as a thrilling experience.

The young explorers made their base camp in Central Iceland, 2000 feet above sea-level. Within a short time of their arrival all the boys had completed 48-hour practice marches loaded with packs and equipment, to prepare them for the 27 gruelling journeys they were to make.

Two leaders, one of them a doctor, took 12 specially-selected boys on a "long march"—a hard test of stamina and endurance during which they travelled 139 miles in 14 days. They crossed mountains, lava-filled desert, and no fewer than 161 rivers and streams.

Another party made a 52-mile journey to the Hekla volcano and back. Much of the 5000-foot ascent to its smoking crater was made over snow and lava, and in high winds.

A survey party completed in detail the mapping of an area nearly 100 square miles in size, between the Lambafitarhraun Desert and the Tungnaá River, 13 miles east of Hekla.

Meteorological observations were kept from two stations; 120 different plants were collected for the British Museum, as well as geological specimens and insects; and a 24-hour watch was kept on rare birds.

An Australian boy did much of the filming which recorded the varied activities of the expedition.

MORE BREAKS BETWEEN LESSONS

An Oxford teacher who was spending a holiday in Marburg, Germany, accepted an invitation to spend a morning observing in a Volks-schule, one of the State schools.

Among the things he noticed during an instructive "busman's holiday" was the number of times that the corridors were full of children going out to play. He remarked on this to the German teachers, and learned that the children have a five-minute break between each three-quarter-hour period, as well as a longer break halfway through the morning.

The short break is a "kleine pause"; the longer one a "grosse pause."

The English visitor's surprise at this practice was equalled by that of the German teachers on being told that English children were expected to dispose of their "fidgets" in a single mid-morning break.

TRUE FAIRY STORY

Vicenna's special telephone service of children's fairy tales (already reported in the C.N.) has proved so popular that the Post Office there is to double the number of lines allotted to it.

News from Everywhere

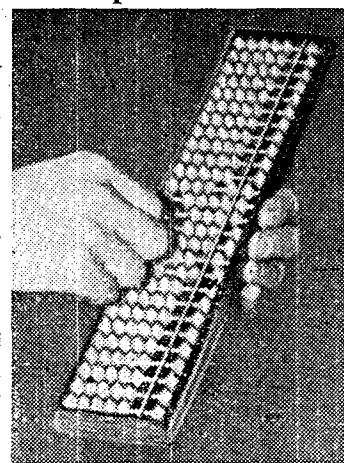
FOR REGULAR ATTENDANCE

Fifteen-year-old Robert Scott of Howard Street, Hartlepool, has never been absent from school and is to receive a special award from the local Education Committee.

Bradford policemen are to wear helmets again when the present supply of caps is exhausted. Among complaints by the men about the caps is that they cause baldness, and that policemen are mistaken for bus conductors, postmen, and meter inspectors.

Because of the fear that they may become as great a pest as the rabbit, the importation of tortoises into New Zealand has been forbidden.

Simple arithmetic



This bamboo calculator, which is operated in the re-opened London branch of the Bank of Tokyo, can add, subtract, multiply, and divide almost as fast as an automatic calculator.

When 588 settlers from Glasgow landed at Wellington, New Zealand, their luggage included more than enough bagpipes to equip a pipe band.

CHAMPION POTATO-PEELER

Miss Herdis Larsen, champion potato-peeler, has successfully defended her title in Copenhagen. She peeled just over 2 lbs. of potatoes in the record time of 2 minutes 17 seconds.

Half the world's population can neither read nor write, says a report by Unesco.

Some 2000 more schools are now hearing BBC broadcasts than a year ago, bringing the total to 24,417.

FLYING FLOCKS

Twelve hundred Corriedale sheep selected from leading flocks in Australia are being flown to Israel.

Fifty New Zealand brass bands are nominating queens for a carnival throughout the Dominion to raise money to send a New Zealand band to tour Britain next year.

Sixteen boys from the Island of Guernsey who visited Leicester had never before seen a factory.

TWO-TON CARPET

Belfast's City Hall is to have a new all-red carpet which will cost over £4000. It measures 100 feet by 48 feet and weighs nearly two tons.

What is claimed as the fastest passenger-carrying boat in the world was demonstrated in Switzerland recently. It travelled at 55 m.p.h. with 32 people aboard.

Some 25,000 square miles of British Guiana and 1250 square miles of Jamaica are to be surveyed by air as part of an inquiry into their resources and development.

Tiny magnets of cobalt-platinum to hold false teeth firmly in position have been introduced in the United States. The magnets are embedded in the jawbones and covered with plastic.

A survey of Manchester schools showed that 75 per cent of the children were wearing wrong-size shoes.

BRITAIN LEADS

Latest figures show that Britain has more merchant ships under construction than any other nation in the world. The United States is second with 636,000 tons, compared with our 2,076,000 tons.

About 7000 acres of old grassland have been ploughed-up in Lindsey in response to the Government's appeal for more food production. This part of Lincolnshire is now believed to have the largest acreage under cultivation in its history.

A ball lost by a golfer at Stoke Rochford, Lincs., was eventually found in the paws of a curled-up hedgehog.

Hammocks are being replaced by bunks in the Navy's newest aircraft carriers.

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1200-YEAR-OLD STOREHOUSE

Japan is preparing to celebrate the 1200th anniversary of what is claimed to be the world's oldest wooden building in continual use. It stands at Nara, the old capital of Japan.

Although it was rebuilt in 1913, all the wood of this gracious Japanese building dates from A.D. 752, when the Emperor Shomu began to collect arms, musical instruments, furniture, pottery, and jewellery. Standing on 24 enormous wooden pillars, the building looks like a Japanese log cabin with no windows or doorways—until the visitor looks closely at the intricate joinery of the wooden hinges.

The precious collection of the Japanese emperors is well guarded; even privileged visitors are allowed inside only twice a year.

DOING A THING BY HALVES

Because it was much too large to navigate the 600-foot locks on the Illinois River, a 730-foot steamship was recently pushed in two parts up the Mississippi, of which that river is a tributary.

The bow section was pushed by one steamship, and the stern section by another. Having passed through the Illinois waterways system into Lake Michigan the ship is to be assembled for carrying ore on the Great Lakes.

TV ON THE WATCH

An Australian television expert, Mr. J. Telfer, thinks that television in the future will probably play a greater part in industry and commerce than in entertainment.

Addressing the National Convention of Radio Engineers in Sydney, he said that there were hundreds of ways in which TV could be used as a vigilant observer. For instance, TV cameras could keep a constant watch over large forests and immediately record outbreaks of fire.

THE ROOT OF THE TROUBLE

As part of their investigations into the root-systems of fruit trees, experts at the East Malling Agricultural Research Station recently spent eight weeks excavating the roots of a tree.

They began operations by drawing a circle of 15 feet radius round the trunk of the tree, and then divided this area into small squares. These squares were reproduced on paper in the form of a master plan.

As excavations proceeded, every root with its weight and depth was recorded on the plan; at the same time a plastic model of the root system was constructed to a one-tenth scale.

From these researches, experts hope to find out the effects of roots on fruit crops.

CANNED PROFESSORS

Tape-recording machines are being increasingly used for education. In the United States, for example, schools and universities with their own radio stations send recordings of their best educational broadcasts to the National Association of Educational Broadcasters, which passes them on to other institutions.

Students at Copenhagen University have been asking for more "canned professors." They hope that tape recordings will be made of prominent guest speakers at the university, so that their addresses can be played back afterwards for closer study.

STEALING THE LIME-LIGHT

A carnival procession was winding through the little Cornish town of St. Austell.

Suddenly, all eyes turned upward to the church clock, where a squirrel was running up and down the hands. For a moment it paused, looking down, as though expecting the crowd's applause for its antics, and then ran down the tower and disappeared.

Gifts from Greenland

When King Frederik and Queen Ingrid recently toured Greenland, Denmark's only colonial possession, the loyal Greenlanders presented the Royal family with these embroidered national costumes. The King and Queen wore them when they were invited to a tea party given by the fishermen of one village; the Royal party then left by boat for another village. Back in Jutland the three Princesses, Anne-Marie, six, Benedikte, eight, and Margrethe, 12, could hardly wait to try on their gay new costumes.



OLD MAN BROADS

Scenes filmed on the Norfolk Broads will give a Mississippi background to the BBC's new TV serial version of Huckleberry Finn, which will start in Children's Hour in November.

The quiet, wide stretches of Ormesby and Hickling Broads, with their heavily-wooded margins and reed fringes were found to resemble the Mississippi more than any other waterway in England, and television actors have been busy filming there.

The part of Huckleberry Finn will be played by an American boy, 13-year-old Richard Teddick, whose father is with the American Army in this country.

LURE OF THE FOOTLIGHTS

Amateur theatricals are now the rage in remote rural parts of Hungary; it is reported that there are theatre groups in more than 2000 villages, and Government talent-spotting teams are selecting promising performers for training at the State's expense.

Most of the students at the Budapest High School of Dramatic Art started either from these village groups or from one of the 2800 factory theatre groups which flourish in the towns.

Hungarians, it would seem, have taken to heart the saying of William Shakespeare that "All the world's a stage . . ."

IN REVERSE

There are so many cars in Britain that soon there will be no three-letter and three-number combinations left for new license plates. Ministry of Transport and County Council officials recently met to discuss the problem; suggestions were many, but they all met with objections.

Finally a junior official thought of a simple solution. Put the numbers first and the letters afterwards, he said.

This idea, if adopted, would provide as many numbers as have already been used in a half-century of motoring, including the one-letter and two-letter combinations.

THE NEW BOY

A new life has begun for eleven-year-old Eric Fasey of Stockton-on-Tees, Durham.

Because his bones break easily, Eric has had tuition at home from the age of seven; but his weariness at being set apart from his friends was brought to a head when he won a scholarship to the Grangefield Grammar School.

He sprang a surprise on his parents by announcing: "I want to go to school like other boys."

Eric, in bed with another fractured leg, had watched the new school, being built only a two-minute walk from his house, and he had made up his mind.

So at the beginning of the new term, in a wheel chair with a wooden desk top, off he went to school for the first time in his life, pushed by his friend Michael Gelder. Now, eager to help, a team of boys move him from room to room during lessons.

USE FOR SLAG HEAPS

An improvement in the appearance of some of the slag heaps in Yorkshire colliery districts and the removal of others may result from a recent agreement between the National Coal Board and the West Riding County Council.

Instead of pyramids, the tips are to be elongated plateaus which are to be covered with two feet of good soil for use as grazing land, or even more profitable farming. Moreover, the earth covering should extinguish those fires which often burn for long periods.

LONG WAY TO LEARN

More than 30,000 foreign students from 126 different countries are studying this year in American colleges and universities. Nearly 11,000 are from Asia and the Far East. Europe has contributed 7230, Latin America 6802, and Canada 4232.

Engineering is the most popular subject, but many students are taking courses in medicine, science, commerce, and agriculture.

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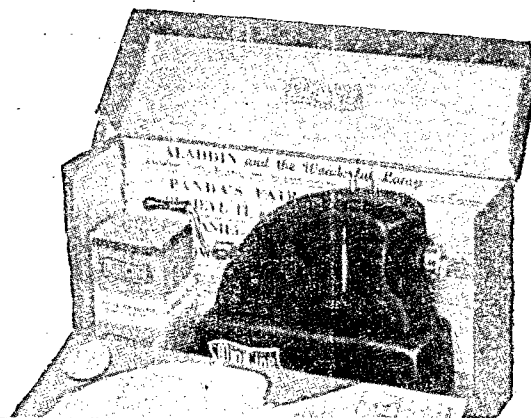
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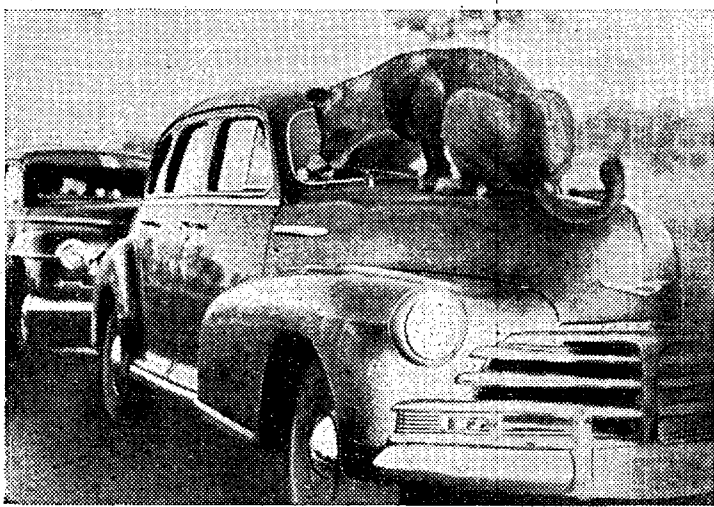
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Model home for horses

A model of Cherry Tree Farm—home for old ponies, horses, and donkeys in Lingfield, Surrey—was of great interest to these young competitors at a gymkhana held at Worplesdon, Surrey, in aid of the International League for the Protection of Horses.



Engine trouble

This is a picture of a curious lioness and an unhappy driver. The car stopped in South Africa's Kruger Park, and the lioness leaped lightly on the bonnet to investigate; but she soon jumped off when the anxious driver started his engine!

IRISH MASTER OF MUSIC

Charles Villiers Stanford, who was born in Dublin on September 30, 1852, exactly 100 years ago, had a big share in promoting Britain to a leading place among the musical nations of the world.

He showed interest in music at a very early age—a march which he wrote when he was only eight was performed in a Dublin pantomime—but his father, although a keen amateur musician himself, wanted his son to follow him in the legal profession. Later, he gave way, however.

Charles Stanford went to Cambridge University in 1870, and before long was conductor of the University Musical Society, a position he held for many years, as well as that of organist at Trinity College. He also studied at Leipzig and Berlin.

When the Royal College of Music was opened in 1883, Charles Stanford was made a teacher of composition and orchestral playing. It was perhaps there that his influence was most felt. Many of our most famous composers were his pupils.

Although his criticism of their early efforts often seemed severe, it was never unjust. When any real difficulty arose he was most helpful—as, for instance, when he arranged for an overworked student to have a holiday that he could not otherwise afford.

His fondness for joking led to a notice being put up saying that the first part of the orchestral rehearsal would be given to works by Strauss.

Thinking they were to hear one of the great, and in those days strange, symphonic poems of Richard Strauss, the whole college turned up either to play or to listen. They all joined heartily in the laughter on discovering that instead it was the well-known Blue Danube and other works by Johann Strauss that were to be played.

Stanford's own compositions were many and varied, and he excelled as a writer of songs. Most choir boys know some of his church music; and his Songs of the Sea are still deservedly popular, as are his Irish Rhapsodies, which are outstanding examples of his talent for orchestral writing. He was keenly interested in Irish Folk Music and tried to restore to the original the tunes which had been altered to fit modern words.

Charles Stanford also wrote several books, and one, Leaves from an Unwritten Diary, is not only entertaining but gives a vivid picture of life in his time.

In 1901 he received a knighthood for his services to music, and when he died, in 1924, he was laid to his last rest in Westminster Abbey, close to the tomb of Purcell.

In the Air

By the C.N. Flying Correspondent

Second attempt

WHILE landing, a Starfire pilot felt his aircraft scrape the runway, and suddenly realised that he had not lowered the wheels!

Immediately he turned on full power and his afterburner. In a fraction of a second the Starfire's reserve power made its characteristic "boom" and flamed into action with tremendous thrust.

The plane rocketed skywards, enabling the pilot to make another circuit—this time with his undercarriage down. He eventually brought a slightly damaged Starfire into a safe landing!

"Big Job" ordered

THE huge 162-foot span Blackburn Universal freighter has been ordered in quantity by the R.A.F. for Transport Command, and three civil models will be used by Silver City Airways for their Channel air-ferry.

As a car ferry, this four-engined giant will carry six cars on its two decks, plus five motor-cycles and 42 passengers. The military version will seat well over 100 fully-equipped troops. It will be Britain's largest landplane in service.

Hérons for the Orient

JAPAN is the most recent of the eight overseas airline operators to select the unique De Havilland Heron for short-range feeder services. Four Herons, smartly plumed in red and white, are to be delivered to Japan Air Lines.

Seating 14 to 17 passengers, the Heron is one of the few British aircraft in which engines, air-screws, and airframe are made by the same organisation.

Part No. 6721830

THE seven-figure number of a 24-inch-long piece of bent steel makes it sound insignificant enough, but this particular piece is a fuel nozzle which projects into the fiery afterburner of an Allison J-35 turbojet engine.

Despite its small size, it takes six or seven months to make. Starting with scrap and raw materials it is finally melted down to possess the highest alloy content of any metal tube. It is hammered, heated, cut into blocks, rolled into bars, treated in acid, shrunk in width, pulled through dies, re-treated with acid, and then subjected to further reheating. Finally it emerges as a highly-polished, finished product.

Wool on the wing

It has become a common practice for aircraft firms to study air-flow characteristics by sticking six-inch long tufts of wool on the wings of their planes. While flying at various speeds the pilot can note the pattern and direction in which the lengths of wool flow back, and the centres of turbulence as the plane approaches stalling speed.

The latest plane plumed with wool is the Swedish Saab-210 Draken—a tiny flying scale model of Sweden's new Delta-wing fighter.

GRAVEN HILL writes from London Zoo about . . .

DEBIK AND NEPTI AND RUSTY

KEEPERS at the Zoo wolves' dens have "achieved the impossible" by taming a hyena. The animal is the Indian striped hyena Debik; the name, a native one, means "old tin can".

Headkeeper Jack Parsons, to whom this triumph is mainly due, told me the story specially for C.N. readers.

"Debik came here four years ago when only three years old," he said. "At that time he seemed such a friendly little chap that we talked the matter over and decided to make the unusual experiment of bringing him up tame."

"I have always believed that it was possible to domesticate a hyena, and that such an animal is very much more trustworthy than a tame lion or other large cat. I still think so."

"We have succeeded so well with Debik that we can now safely allow him to be patted and stroked by anyone—in fact, he comes out of his cage daily for this purpose. Incidentally, he must be about the only hyena in the country to be handled in this way."

"Debik will also take biscuits politely from the hand of a stranger, though naturally few visitors are bold enough to feed him that way. He is devoted to me personally and enjoys nothing better than his daily brush down."

"Debik never laughs, of course—only spotted hyenas do that. But sometimes I think he tries to do so. The noise he makes, however, is not very pleasant, and most people say it reminds them of somebody being seasick!"

LATE though the season is, newcomers continue to arrive in the menagerie, and one of special interest, which has just come by air from the East, is Nepti, a nine-month-old tigress. She is a gift from Col. J. D. F. Curling, officer commanding the 1/7th Gurkha Rifles at Serampon, Malaya.

In a letter to Zoo officials, Col. Curling writes: "Nepti was found, when about six weeks old, in the Bahau jungle near here, and was brought to me. The men immediately wanted Nepti to be adopted as the unit's mascot, so I agreed to the experiment which, for a time, has been remarkably successful."

"Nepti is thoroughly tame, having been handled freely by all and sundry, but I think she is now outgrowing the mascot stage. Although she does not mean any harm, her teeth and claws are becoming very businesslike, and, all told, I think the Zoo is the best place for her."

After a few weeks in the sanatorium, Nepti will go on exhibition at the North Mammal House, where are kept several other large jungle-cats which started life by being domesticated.

THE eleven-year-old riding elephant, Rusty, has lately developed a trick which is causing many laughs.

When she is off-duty, Rusty waits at the edge of her paddock until a fair-sized crowd has gathered on the other side of the intervening moat. Then, placing her trunk to the ground, she sucks up a few handfuls of dust and ostentatiously aligns her trunk on the visitors.

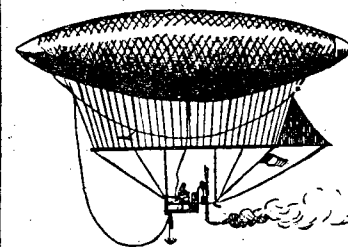
Naturally, that causes a slight sensation! Thinking the elephant is about to blow the dust over their heads, the crowd shrieks and scatters. Whereupon Rusty (you can almost see her smile in appreciation of her jest) curls her trunk upwards and, pointing it over her back, blows the dust all over her own body.

She has been observed to give herself as many as 20 of these dust-baths in the course of a few minutes, so it is plain that this two-ton elephant has something in common with the little sparrow of our gardens.

FIRST AIRSHIP WITH AN ENGINE

In these days of jet-propelled aircraft it is strange to realise that only 100 years ago the first engine-propelled airship flew. It was designed and constructed by a French engineer, Henri Giffard.

Having had some experience with the improvement of steam



engines, Giffard turned his talents to the building of a dirigible balloon. The cigar-shaped bag was 143 feet long and its greatest diameter was 39 feet, with a capacity of 88,000 cubic feet of gas.

The airship was propelled by a

steam engine with an airscrew eleven feet in diameter, which drove the airship at the rate of six miles an hour. To avoid the danger of fire from the engine igniting the hydrogen, Giffard screened the stokehole of the boiler with wire gauze—an application of the principle originated by Sir Humphrey Davy in the miner's lamp.

In this machine Giffard ascended on September 24, 1852, from the Hippodrome in Paris. In this first successful flight he proved that he had a certain amount of control.

THAMES CARNIVAL

A battle of flowers will be one of the attractions in a carnival on the Thames this Saturday evening.

Arranged by officials of the Battersea Pleasure Gardens, there will be a display by firemen of coloured water jets, and then a procession of some 50 boats, decorated and lighted, will pass down river.

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Greetings to a Great Little Man



All London is delighted at the thought of having Charles Chaplin back home again for the first time since 1931, and here Alan Ivimey tells us his story—the story of a man who made the whole world laugh.

EVERY country had its own version of his name—Charlot, Carlo, Carlito. And we called him Charlie—Charlie Chaplin. The “we,” of course, means your fathers and mothers and aunts and uncles. They can tell you about him, the funniest man the world has ever seen; the most famous actor of the silent film.

Silent? You never heard more noise in a cinema in your life than when a Chaplin picture was being shown.

He has lived in America a long time, but London is his home, the place where he was born and where he first learned about people and how to make them laugh. He says he got a lot of it from his mother, who was also on the stage. She used to stand at the window and watch the people walking down the street, Kennington way. She would imitate them as she watched—the way they looked, the way they walked.

CHARLIE, the little chap in the huge baggy trousers, old bowler hat, little smudge moustache, the knobby cane, and the leaky, awful boots, was a Londoner, a Cockney. He still is. Even after 40 years in Hollywood he has never taken American citizenship.

From the beginning and through his great days he stuck to the London character he had created—the hard-up, unlucky little Cockney who, whatever was thrown at him and however many times he was knocked down, was deter-

mined to keep his hat on and stay respectable.

CHARLIE reached a position in the entertainment world that no one had ever reached before, or perhaps ever will again. He “arrived” just as the new form of entertainment-for-all, the cinema, was becoming really popular.

Films were silent then, so language did not present any difficulties. Everything was concentrated on the eye, not the ear. And the very early Chaplin comedies were short, slapstick films; they were full of rushing squads of police chasing some wild character, of people falling over baskets of apples, of custard pies landing splosh in the middle of faces; they were simple affairs and appealed equally to all nations.

Then Charlie, being a genius, began to put something into the comic picture which had never been seen before—a real character. Certainly everyone who could reach a cinema in those days laughed at him; but he also made them sympathise with the funny little man, and he did this with a pathos which touched all hearts.

How did this little chap from Kennington, who was brought up in poor streets and knew Lambeth Walk years before anyone wrote a song and dance about it, become the world's most famous, most beloved clown?

Charles Chaplin was born on April 16, 63 years ago, in South London. His father had been on the music halls, but died when Charlie was a child. His mother, who lived to see him rich and famous, was also on the stage; and when she was out of a job she kept the home going somehow with dressmaking.

Charlie and his brother Syd (later to be his business manager) used to walk miles delivering her work to customers. Charlie knew all about being hard-up and hungry.

He started his stage career at seven, and by the time he had reached the great age of eleven was in a troupe of dancers called The Eight Lancashire Lads. When the London Hippodrome opened at the beginning of this century he had a small part in a show called Giddy Ostende.

I was talking only the other day to a man who remembered him at about 13 playing Billy, the comic page, in a West End stage version of Sherlock Holmes. In 1904 he must have had a bit of a set-back, for he was only one of the wolves in Peter Pan. (He was always very small, with tiny hands and feet.)

THEN, after a tour with Syd on the Continent, he got into Fred Karno's famous show called the Mummie Birds, and made a name for himself as the little man in one of the boxes who continually interrupted the show and eventually climbed onto the stage and got mixed up with falling scenery and fire extinguishers. He toured all over the country with this, and I have seen a photograph of him (with Stan Laurel, by the way) in a six-man roller-skate hockey team, representing the Fred Karno Company, in which he played at a Liverpool rink.

It was in this vaudeville act, renamed A Night in an English Music Hall, that he went first to America. But it was not till 1913 and his second visit that he was offered a job with the famous Keystone Company to make comic films.

He insisted on the sort of outfit and make-up he was used to wearing, and he was allowed to have his way by Mack Sennett, king producer of the upset-the-applecart-call-the-police-call-the-fire-brigade-call-everyone-and-chase-somebody type of picture.

Then another company took him on to make special “Charlie” pictures, Charlie's Night Out, Champion Charlie (in which he beat a huge and frightful “Champ” by slipping a horseshoe inside his boxing glove), Charlie in the Park, and so on. There were about a dozen of these.

HE was developing ideas and technique, and in 1916 signed up with the Mutual Film Corporation and began a new series, a little less crude and with a little more acting—Easy Street, The Floor-walker (making a feature of a moving staircase in a big store), One A.M., The Cure, and many others we old-stagers remember.

Then he was offered a million



Charlie changes—but remains Charlie. Left, in City Lights (1931) and right, in his new film, Limelight



dollars to make yet another series, and we got a much more ambitious kind of picture with Sunnyside, A Dog's Life, Shoulder Arms (a war film in which Charlie breaks right through the enemy lines and captures the Kaiser), and, perhaps most famous of all, The Kid, with Jackie Coogan, who was then about five.

After that Charlie was right at the top, and only made a picture every few years. Who that ever saw it will forget The Gold Rush, in which he did a “dance” with a couple of rolls skewered on forks?

He made one big picture, Monsieur Verdoux, in which he appeared as an ordinary citizen. In the Dictator he was disguised as Hitler. Otherwise he has always been the little funny man.

Now Charlie returns to London for the showing of his new film, Limelight, the story of a music hall comic. The bowler hat and the cane will be there again—but not the smudge moustache or

the baggy trousers—to see those you will have to watch for a revival of one of the old films. They come along from time to time.

He has never forgotten London. He remembered to visit his old school (now closed) when he visited England, and he subscribed to its war memorial in St. George's Church, Southwark. Only a year or so ago some old boys who had been at school with Charlie held a reunion dinner.

OF course, fashions in fun change.

So, if you see the new picture, or one of his old ones, you may laugh, or not. But remember all the world *did* laugh at him for a very long time. But never at the sound of him—only at the sight of him; for Charlie's great skill was in mime, fun with gesture and movement, and with the wonderful mask of his face.

There was never anyone to touch him at that, and perhaps never will be.



A rude awakening for Charlie in one of his early pictures, The Idle Class



Five-year-old Jackie Coogan was Charlie's famous partner in The Kid



A scene from The Gold Rush, one of the best-known of all Chaplin films

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A SMILE A DAY

A GROUP of South Africans have formed a Smilers of the World Club, the subscription being a smile a day for someone in need. This seems to us a most happy idea, and we should like to see it become universally popular.

In a land of almost perpetual sunshine the invitation to smile is perhaps easier to respond to than in a country like our own, where the weather is often anything but smiling.

Visitors from overseas sometimes remark that our British faces are glum and gloomy, and if they are right, perhaps the weather is largely to blame. But it is worth remembering that, if we cannot all put on a smile as "vast and substantial" as Mrs. Fezziwig's, a small smile is a magic prescription for promoting harmony in everyday affairs.

The world's best smilers keep going in all weathers, piling up a balance of smiles such as an American poet once imagined to be the real wealth of his country:

*Out where the handclasp's a
little stronger,
Out where the smile dwells a
little longer,
That's where the West begins.*

No one is foolish enough to imagine that problems can be settled merely by smiling; but at least the atmosphere of discussion is aided by a smile.

Under the Editor's Table

Two boys had a fight on a pier.
Best place for a blow.

A lady says she loses a lot of
hair every autumn. But perhaps it
turns up at the end.

Scouts in Jersey, says a news-
heading. Sounds like a tight fit.

A lady watchmaker visiting
London wore four watches. Took
her time.

BILLY BEETLE



SCHOOL SAVERS WANTED

MANY of us will be hearing about National Savings next week, for a special week's campaign to enlist more boys and girls in this great movement is to begin on September 29.

At present there are 2,044,000 members of school savings groups in England and Wales, an increase of 179,700 on last year. They represent, however, only just over 34 per cent of our school population, and the aim is to make all children conscious of the important part savings play in the economic life of their country.

The Royal Family set a patriotic example. When the Queen was 16 she bought the first National Savings Certificate of what was then a new issue, and when the present issue was announced, King George VI bought the first of these new Certificates for his grandchildren through the Royal Household Savings Group.

Farming at sea

MANY millions of people may eventually have to live out their lives on the ocean. Mr. E. A. A. Rowse put forward this suggestion when talking to town and country planners at Bangor of the difficulties of providing food for the rapidly-increasing world population.

Land everywhere is being over-cropped, and the sea, which covers three-quarters of the Earth's surface, might be the ultimate storehouse of the salts of the earth.

But if this storehouse were to be of use to man, he must design equipment for sea farming, so that people can remain almost all their lives on the sea.

JUST AN IDEA

As R. W. Emerson wrote: Every great and commanding movement in the annals of the world is the triumph of enthusiasm.

The Editor's Table

Wearing thin air

DR. A. B. D. CASSIE, Director of Research, Wool Industries Research Association, told the Mathematics and Physics Section of the British Association that 60 per cent of a merino wool three-piece suit consists of air; wool fibre makes up the remaining 40 per cent.

It is sad to reflect that even that new suit is more than half-full of holes!

Boys' Brigade window



Raymond Faulkner, 14-year-old member of the Brighton Company of the Boys' Brigade, with the stained-glass window which took him five months to complete. It will be placed in Patcham Methodist Church.

Fount of friendship

AMERICAN schoolchildren have given an ornamental fountain to the United Nations Headquarters in New York. It bears a plaque with this inscription:

"Presented to the United Nations by the children of the United States and its territories as a gesture of friendship to the children of the world and a constant reminder of our hope for a peaceful world through the United Nations."

It is an expression of American children's faith in the United Nations; it reflects the hopes of children everywhere.

Thirty Years Ago

SOME people are grumbling because £50,000 has been spent in counting up the different kinds of vehicles using different kinds of roads in the busiest parts of Britain; but whether it is waste or well-spent money depends on the use made of the information collected. As a curiosity it would be ridiculously dear, but there is ample room for the use of £50,000 many times over if a better sorting out of traffic can be made, and roads be adapted better to vehicles quick and slow. If time is money the waste of it on crowded roads is enormous, and the dangers are not slight.

From the Children's Newspaper, September 30, 1922

SAVING TIME

As we advance in life, we acquire a keener sense of the value of time. Nothing else, indeed, seems of any consequence; and we become misers in this respect. William Hazlitt

DECORATOR'S BILL OF LONG AGO

WHEN the church of New Mills, Derbyshire, was re-decorated recently, parishioners recalled a bill sent in by a decorator long ago.

Correcting 10 Commandments	30s.
Varnishing Pontius Pilate and putting in Front Tooth	5s.
Renewing Heaven, adjusting the Stars, and cleaning the Moon	£2
Taking the Spots off Son of Tobias	4s.
Brightening up Flames of Hell, Putting new Left Horn on the Devil, and cleaning Tail	30s.

Needless to say, the cost of such vital amendments has considerably increased.

High cost of rabbits

A NEW ZEALAND scientist estimates that there are at least 50 million rabbits in the Dominion. He has proved that ten of these rodents eat as much grass as one sheep, which means that if New Zealand could rid itself of rabbits it could support five million more sheep!

Rabbits are now causing a loss of £19,000,000 to farmers in the Dominion, and the Government is spending £1,000,000 a year to keep them in check. Yet, only 110 years ago, when the first British colonists were settling in New Zealand, an enterprising pioneer at Wellington, with a rabbit hutch, was selling them for £1 apiece!

His Mite

"PLEASE save a bit of a horse as I haven't enough money to save a whole one": that was the text of a letter enclosing half-a-crown left in the letter-box of the organiser of the Our Dumb Friends' League "Horse Fair" at South End, Kensington, the other Saturday. It was from six-year-old Peter Russell.

THINGS SAID

BETWEEN the scientist and the bureaucrat, eating has lost much of its pleasure and nearly all its taste.

Professor W. Wardlaw

WE are developing a visual picture sense. In the future reading may become a lost art.

Sir Compton Mackenzie

IF each employee in the Nuffield Organisation only stops work unnecessarily for one minute each day, 333 man-hours of production are lost. Think of it—1665 hours a week or 83,000 hours every working year.

Vice-Chairman of the Nuffield Organisation

EXPANSION of production is not a war to be fought by the farmers and scientists alone; it is a war in which every man, woman, and child is vitally concerned.

Sir William Slater, secretary of the Agricultural Research Council

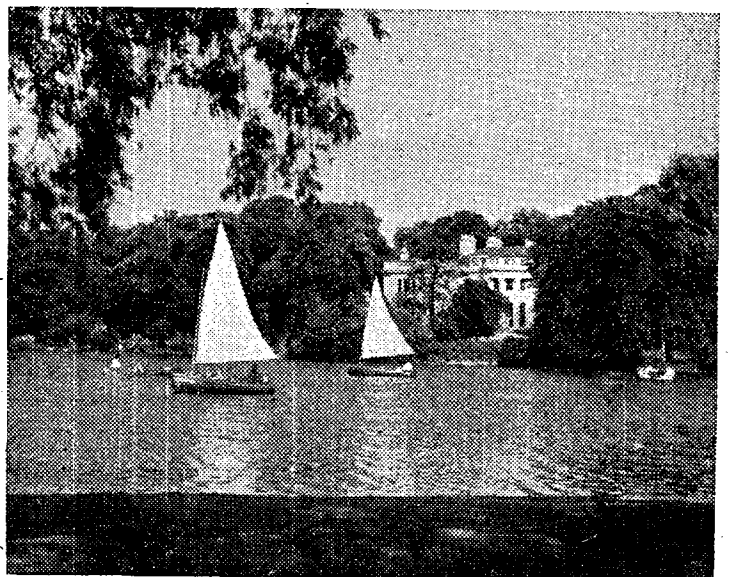
How does it end?

NORTHANGER ABBEY is the book chosen by Robert MacDermott for How Does it End? in Children's Television this week.

As in previous programmes in this series, the end of the story is not being revealed, so that the children who want to know how it all turned out will have to get the book and read it.

But just to show that the best-laid schemes still "gang aft a-gley" let us quote this item from a recent number of The Bookseller:

Mr. G. R. Workman, of Heinemann's, tells me that the other day he found his ten-year-old nephew graphically relating the story of Westward Ho! to his son, aged nine. Questioned, his nephew said he had seen Westward Ho! on television in a programme called "How does it end?" which told some of the story, then stopped with the words "Read the book to find out how it ends." Asked if he proposed to read the book, the boy replied: "Oh, no. I don't have to. You see, it's coming in a strip in the Children's Newspaper."



OUR HOMELAND

The delightful boating lake in Regent's Park, London

The Children's Newspaper, September 27, 1952

ERIC GILLET writes of a new war film.

NORWEGIAN HEROES IN ACTION AGAIN

OPERATION SWALLOW has the pattern of a documentary, but it is in fact a reconstruction by a Norwegian film unit of one of the bravest and most daring episodes of the war. With few exceptions the parts are played by the men who actually carried out all the operations depicted, and very natural and convincing they are.



Two scenes from Operation Swallow, a true film about a secret raid on Norway during the war

I recommend Operation Swallow to all who enjoy a first-class adventure story; and there is the additional satisfaction of knowing that the admirable planning by an Anglo-Norwegian staff in London and the extraordinary courage and endurance of nine Norwegian patriots dropped by parachute in a remote corner of Norway struck a crippling blow at German plans.

There were two successful attacks. The first blew up the Vemork plant for the manufacture of heavy water at Rjukan. The second sank the boat carrying the remaining supplies of heavy water to Germany. If it had arrived it might have given the Nazis atomic supremacy.

The first daring attempt to land a raiding party by glider in Norway ended in disaster. Two gliders crashed, and the soldiers who were not killed in the accident were shot by the enemy.

In February 1943 another attempt was made. After weary days of waiting in mountain huts, the raiders made their way under

the noses of the German guards, through formidable barbed-wire entanglements, down a precipitous gorge and up an equally steep incline, into the basement room where the heavy water was manufactured. There they placed a 30-second time bomb, and got away without any casualties.

It took a year for the Germans to rebuild the plant, but they were worried by Allied air raids and decided to remove the plant to Germany. On a ferry boat they placed 2000 gallons of heavy water. Norwegian patriots placed a time-bomb on board and the ferry boat went to the bottom ten hours later.



This true story is more thrilling than any fictional spy or secret service picture I have ever seen.

BING CROSBY is one of the cleverest of film actors. He does things so smoothly and naturally.

Just For You reveals him as a successful composer and producer of famous Broadway stage shows. He devotes so much time to them that he has neglected his two children, who feel that it is anything but an advantage to have a celebrated father.

In time everything works out well for all three, and there are pleasant opportunities for clever acting by Jane Wyman, Ethel Barrymore, Bob Arthur, and Natalie Wood, with a lovely Technicolor setting in the Adirondacks.

ROMAN BARN FOUND IN KENT

Intensive work by teams of schoolboys and other weekend helpers from all parts of England has enabled archaeologists at Lullingstone, Kent, to identify the foundations of a fine Roman barn, nearly 100 feet long.

It has a long, partitioned gallery which was, it seems, used for corn-drying; evidence has been found of a heating system.

At one end of the barn the foundations of a "wind-screen" used to keep the corn from blowing about have been revealed.

Mr. Ernest Greenfield, of Sevenoaks, who is excavating the barn,

told our correspondent that coins and small finds have helped to date the building to the third century A.D. on a site which had been occupied some 200 years earlier but had become flooded.

Strong, well-built wall foundations are visible, and in the cement, laid down by workmen at least 1700 years ago, can be seen the marks of a dog's paws.

The barn is about ten yards from the extensive Roman villa site in which a fine patterned pavement, marble statuary, and bronze ingots have been found in the past few years.

The Rose and the Thistle

For several years Australian Red Cross Juniors have held a flower-show to raise funds, and British Juniors have regularly contributed to it.

As their contribution this year, junior members of the British Red Cross Society have compiled books containing pressed flowers, together with poems, pictures, and stories about the Rose and the Thistle; and both volumes, handsomely bound in leather, have been flown to Australia, to be presented next week to the Red Cross there.

Many local legends are retold in the Rose Book. From Cornwall, for instance, comes the story of the visit of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn to St. Just. Anne asked the name of the village, and, receiving no reply, turned to the roses in full bloom and said: "Tis Roseland forsooth." And St. Just-in-Roseland it is to this day!

BACON WAS FURIOUS

All the stories, not unnaturally, deal with the beauty and popularity of the rose—with one exception. The poet Bacon "detested roses and is said to have been driven to fury at the very sight of one." This would seem to disprove, once and for all, the theory that he wrote Shakespeare's works; he would hardly have made Autolycus sing of "gloves as sweet as damask roses."

From the Thistle Book we learn that the Scottish emblem was adopted in the eighth century to commemorate an unsuccessful night attack made by the Danes on Stirling Castle. The barefooted Danish scouts who were stealthily approaching the castle did not bargain for the sharp thistles. Their cries as they trod on them warned the Scots, and the Danes were heavily defeated.

Both books were almost entirely the work of children between eleven and 15. All the script was written by hand, and there are numerous drawings and illuminated pages.

ALERT BEES

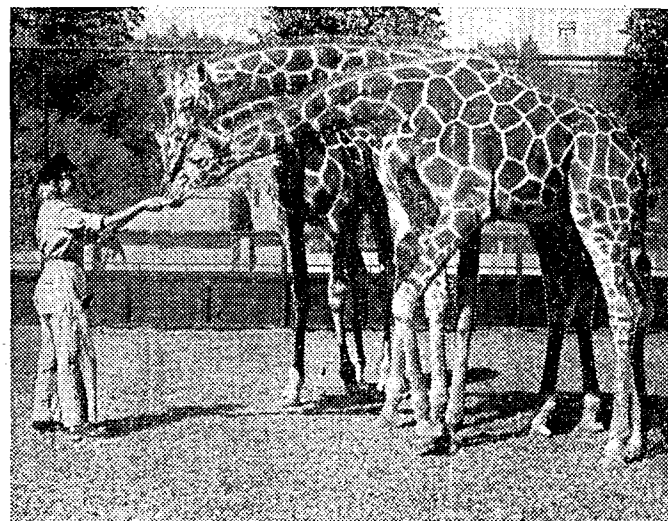
Bees have an "air raid" warning system which tells specially appointed guards at the hives to be ready for approaching marauders or robber bees. This was stated by Dr. C. G. Butler, head of the bee research department at Rothamstead, to members of the Zoology Section of the British Association. It has been found, said Dr. Butler, that bees do not guard the entrances of their hives unless their colonies have been "alerted" either by the presence of robber bees or of numbers that have strayed from other colonies.

BEDROOM BEES

A Doncaster bee-keeper was recently asked to collect a colony of bees which for 15 years had lived under a bedroom floor in a house at Sykehouse. The owner complained that the noise was becoming unbearable!

It took him three days to dig out the bees, but his pains were rewarded; he collected about 40 lbs. of honey, and most of the bees are now in his own hives.

GIRL BECOMES ZOO KEEPER



The giraffes feed out of Grethe's hand

Grethe Jensen has loved animals of all kinds ever since she was a little girl. She was always begging her father and mother to take her to Aalborg Zoo, near her home in Denmark. In fact, she went there every day; if her parents could not take her, she used to go alone.

When nearing the end of her schooldays she had but one wish—to become a keeper in the Zoo. Finally, her father went with her to the superintendent. He took her on probation, and she speedily showed aptitude for this vocation, so unusual for a woman.

She is now a permanent, fully-fledged keeper—and hopes to become a superintendent one day.



The two lion cubs feel quite safe with the girl keeper



One of Grethe's favourites is Socrates the chimpanzee



Taking Bongo the elephant for his daily exercise

ARCHBISHOP IN PAUL REVERE'S CHURCH

A CN correspondent in the United States reports that during his visit the Archbishop of Canterbury preached from the high white pulpit of the Old North Church on Salem Street, Boston, which is known far and wide through its mention in Longfellow's poem, Paul Revere's Ride.

The only departure from the regular morning prayer service in the American Book of Common Prayer was a prayer for Queen Elizabeth II, compiled by Dr. Fisher and read, along with prayers for the President, those in civil authority, and "all conditions of men," by the American Bishop Sherrill.

Prayers for the royal household have, of course, been a rare thing in the old church since 1776.

CLEANING THE OLD HORSE

Work has been resumed on cleaning the 375-foot Uffington White Horse, that ancient and celebrated landmark cut into the chalk on a hillside in the Vale of the White Horse, Berkshire.

According to tradition the figure commemorates a victory of Alfred over the Danes, but historians now think that it is much older than that and may have existed even before the Romans settled in this country.

Down the centuries the local people living in the Vale appear rarely to have failed in keeping the outlines of the White Horse clear, and the Scouring of the White Horse seems usually to have been an occasion for special jollity and festivities.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY AND HIGH TREASON

September 24 marks the 300th anniversary of highwayman James Hind's death on the gallows.

A swaggering rogue who insisted on being addressed as "Captain" by his fellow associates of the highway, Hind was renowned for the audacity of his hold-ups; it is said that on one occasion he robbed Oliver Cromwell himself.

On the outbreak of the Civil War he decided that only the cause of noblemen was good enough for him. He accordingly took a commission in the Royalist Army under Sir William Compton at Colchester, quite undismayed by the fact that not long before he had stolen Compton's horse.

Although he was now an officer, Hind could not give up his old ways. An old chronicler slyly tells us that "Hind, being in command, swaggered at no small rate, he still having a minde to his old trade of taking, and uses it for recreation."

In 1648, when Colchester was being besieged by General Fairfax, Hind escaped by dressing as a woman. Later he rejoined the Royalist Army and took part in the Battle of Worcester in 1651, Cromwell's "crowning mercy."

Making his way to London, he resumed his bad old ways and was sentenced to death for manslaughter. Then he was pardoned, but by a strange twist of fate, tried and sentenced to death for high treason.

TREES FOR THE DESERTS

Forestry experts from 24 countries containing desert wastes have arrived in Australia to study the 700 varieties of eucalyptus trees growing there. They hope to be able to find trees which could be transplanted to denuded areas in their own lands.

One of the good points of the eucalyptus tree is that it makes good fuel. Until recently all the fuel used on trains in Uganda was from forests planted with Australian eucalyptus saplings.

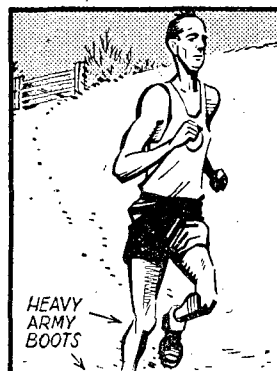
Steps to Sporting Fame



The cross-country season is upon us, but one brilliant performer who will run less frequently will be D. G. A. Pirie, of Coulsdon, Surrey. He will be training for the 5000 metres.



Gordon's father, Mr. Alick Pirie, a Scottish cross-country international in 1926, is president of South London Harriers. Members of this famous club soon saw that they had a future champion in their midst when Gordon joined them.



Gordon Pirie ran his first five miles at the age of eight, and many records have gone his way since then. He trains by running eight miles daily, usually in Army boots, saying that he goes faster when he exchanges them for light racing shoes.

Gordon Pirie



A bank clerk in Croydon, he manages to make and fly model aeroplanes in his spare time. The Pories are a busy and athletic family. His brother Peter, also a good runner, is secretary of South London Harriers, and his mother plays golf.

TWO VETERANS OF THE ROAD

The chief engineer and the second pilot of the giant Princess flying-boat are part-owners of one of the oldest cars in Britain still in daily use.

The veteran, a 1913 Daimler saloon, was bought for £10 earlier this year by the two airmen, Mr. R. B. Stratton and Mr. John Booth, in conjunction with a friend. For many years it had been standing in a garage in the Isle of Wight.

Within a few days the three friends put it in running order, and made the surprising discovery that the car's total mileage was well under 1000.

Mr. Stratton uses the car every day to travel to the aircraft works at Cowes, and has reached a speed of over 50 m.p.h. on several occasions. The silent-running, powerful engine contrasts strangely with the high, old-fashioned coach-work and the gleaming brass lamps.

Another veteran car with a similar history is a 1906 24-h.p. Wolseley which now gleams brightly in the show-room of a garage at Botley, Hampshire. It was found abandoned in the Meon Valley.

This car, which was originally sold for £800, differs in many ways from today's models! No windscreen wiper is fitted; if it rains the windscreen can be pushed up into the roof.

The car also had a sprag—a rod fitted to the rear of the car and dropped when climbing a hill. If the engine "conks out" the rod prevents the car running back!

ALUMINIUM MARKS THE SPOT

Airmen forced down on the sea can lay a metallic mirror on the surface of the water to show up brightly and attract the attention of distant rescue craft. The equipment required is merely a tin of finely-powdered aluminium.

If aluminium powder is spread on water it extends into a very thin layer instead of sinking. A small amount will cover an area of several hundred square feet.

ARCTIC ISLAND OF CHESS-PLAYERS

As the September evenings change into the long Arctic nights the people of Grimsey, 25 miles off the coast of Iceland, get out their chessboards. Chess is the principal pastime of the hundred farmers and their families who make up Grimsey's population, and they have become remarkably proficient at the game.

Grimsey is the only part of Iceland within the Arctic Circle except for one tiny strip on the north-east coast of the mainland. It is only three miles long and a mile and a half wide, and to cover its coastline a walker needs only two hours; but in that two hours he sees some of the steepest and most massive cliffs in the Arctic, populated by thousands of wild sea birds.

Birds and their eggs, indeed, form part of the staple diet of Grimsey folk. They are as expert in climbing the cliffs as they are in thinking out chess moves; both activities, of course, require infinite patience and forethought.

How the Grimsey people first became chess-players is a secret lost in antiquity, but the story goes that the first islanders were outlaws who found relaxation in the game and in the long winter nights became expert at it.

As a part of Iceland, Grimsey is a highly educated island. Its boys and girls go to college on the mainland, and after they have seen the world usually return to Grimsey to maintain the island's intellectual traditions.

In the middle of the 19th century Grimsey had the good fortune to gain the interest of an American master of chess, William Fiske. He gave the island a plentiful supply of chessboards and chessmen, and when he died he left money for a library to improve the islanders' lot. Today Grimsey

people are probably the best-read within the Arctic Circle.

On their 15 farms the Grimsey farmers maintain about 400 sheep as well as tilling the treeless fields of their little island. Grimsey grows its own wool, spins it, and then weaves its own cloth.

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JOAN OF ARC LIBRARY

The late Judge Bingham of Kentucky spent a great deal of time and money collecting books about Joan of Arc.

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WESTWARD HO! Charles Kingsley's Great Elizabethan Yarn, Told in Pictures (7)



Amyas persuaded his men to leave the village, though the Indians implored them to stay. Ayacanora, the mysterious white girl, shut herself up when they left. Amyas had heard that a Spanish gold-train was to pass through the mountains, and he decided to try and ambush it, though they had no guns. The party went up into the mountains and blocked the path through them by felling a tree.



They hid in bushes above the path, which here skirted a precipice. Soon Spaniards driving slaves approached. The Englishmen were horrified at the sad sight. The slaves, including women, staggering under heavy loads, were mercilessly driven forward. Their tormentors, suspecting no enemy here, had even given them their guns to carry. In the baskets were packages which the watchers knew contained gold!



Amyas was reluctant to attack an unprepared enemy. Then an old slave fell exhausted. The Spanish captain had him taken out of the line and thrown over the cliff. At that an Indian girl, probably the old man's daughter, flung herself on the Spaniard and hurled herself over the cliff with him. He fell but her chain held her. "Haul her up! Hew her to pieces!" yelled the Spaniards. Then English arrows pierced them.



Amyas dashed down to the path, hauled up the girl, then set about the Spaniards. His men followed him, and the slave-drivers, taken by surprise, were all killed. Amyas told his men to put on the Spaniards' clothes, as they must pass with the gold near Spanish settlements. When they had done this they saw a strange figure approaching. It was Ayacanora, with her bow and arrows, who had followed them!

Where can the little party, and the mysterious girl, go from here? See next week's instalment

The Children's Newspaper, September 27, 1952

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Cross-Channel Quest

BY GARRY HOGG

My sister Nessa and I have been enlisted by our guardian, Bruce Malliday, to help him trail certain agents of foreign Powers. We have studied photographs and descriptions of the men, and have gone to Southampton and boarded a cross-Channel steamer in pursuit of the mysterious Mr. A.

4. The face in the mirror

WE went first along a narrow corridor with polished wooden panelling on each side and rows of narrow, numbered doors. Bruce glanced at a slip of paper in his hand, stopped, and opened a door. We entered a snug, compact, four-berth cabin.

"Here we are," he said, and tossed his grip onto one of the bunks. Nessa and I did the same. "Now," he went on, "plan of campaign!"

"Suppose his cabin happens to be next door," Nessa said. "Oughtn't we to whisper? They're probably not sound-proof, are they?"

"Quite right, Ness. We must find out his cabin number from the purser."

"Shall I pop along and ask him?" I said.

Bruce shook his head.

"Too many people wanting to speak to him just at present. There's time enough. We'll go when the boat's sailed."

"Perhaps he hasn't got a cabin," I said. "What then?"

"So much the better," said Ness. "Spot him more easily in the open!"

Soon afterwards there was a deep-throated roar from somewhere, like a foghorn, that seemed to vibrate right through us. Bruce glanced at his watch.

"We're off," he said. "Good!" Then he looked hard at us both. "Listen," he said. "In a little while I'm going to let you loose to wander where you like. The great thing is to see without being seen. We know he's on board; he doesn't even know of our existence—I hope! After I've made inquiries from the purser I'm going into hiding for the time being. That's where you two come in.

"First-class passengers can go anywhere they like; third-class passengers have to keep to their own quarters. Mr. A went up the first-class gangway, so presumably he's travelling first-class, like us. But he may not be. It may be a blind; he may think there's more safety among the greater numbers of third-class passengers. So when you go off on your own, explore first the first-class accommodation. You can go anywhere you like, remember. I shall stay here. I've work to do." He tapped the zip-fastened and padlocked outer pocket of his grip.

WHEN we swung off our bunks onto the floor we could feel it throbbing beneath us, and when

we stood up there was, a slight sense of movement. Nessa looked at me: "We've actually sailed!" she murmured. "We're not in England any more!"

"Let's see whether the crowd round the purser's office has melted away," Bruce said later, and we went back along the corridor. The carpeted floor was not as steady beneath our feet as it had been the first time, and we kept on touching one side or the other as we walked. I thought how awful it would be if, just as I pressed against a cabin door, it opened and Mr. A came out! Would I look so taken by surprise that his suspicious would be aroused? I wondered.

"Good," said Bruce, seeing that of all the crowd, only two women were still standing by the brass grille. We went up after they had gone and saw a man with masses of gold braid on his uniform and a white-topped cap upside down on the corner of his desk. There was no one else in sight except the steward.

"D'you happen to have a passenger on board named Collins?" Bruce asked casually. "An acquaintance of mine I half expected to meet, but haven't as yet."

The purser ran a gold pencil down a typed list of names. "Collins," he repeated. "Yes, I think so." Our hopes rose. Was it to be as easy as that? "What initial, sir?" he asked, peering out at us through the grille.

Bruce hesitated an instant—though Jennings had given his alias, he had not mentioned an initial. "J.," he said, and I guessed it was a shot in the dark.

"We've four passengers of the name Collins," the purser said, looking at his list again. "Mr. and Mrs. J. Collins and their baby. And another Collins, initial T." He

looked up inquiringly. "Is that any use to you?"

Bruce shook his head. "Not if it's T.," he said. "He'll be travelling alone, and he's unmarried so far as I know."

"I'm sorry, then," the purser said. "That's all I can tell you. The party I mentioned first has a state-room. The other hasn't any sleeping accommodation at all."

"Thanks, purser," Bruce said, and added: "It looks as though either he's not on board, or I've got the initial wrong, doesn't it?" He nodded casually and walked away, with us following him, in the direction of our cabin.

THAT'S that," he said, after we had shut the door behind us. "Of course, I was only guessing the initial. Silly of me not to have asked Jennings if he'd spotted that, too. Anyway, it's an alias, and on a forged passport; and I wouldn't be surprised to find he has got a cabin, booked for him by someone else and under yet another name! Well, now it's your turn, as I said.

"You know what to do. Take your time; it's a nine-hour crossing at least. Wander around with your eyes wide open. No one will be surprised to see you here, there, and everywhere as you're children. You know where to find me, if you've anything to report. When, I should say!" He waved his hand and felt in his pocket for his pipe.

"Here goes, Ness," I said, and we slipped out of the door, closing it firmly behind us. "Bet you I'll be the first to spot him!"

We wandered everywhere. First in the big lounge, where everybody was sitting about in deep leather armchairs. Some were playing cards; others were reading. And several, to our surprise, were actually dropping off to sleep. Fancy anyone even wanting to sleep when they could be awake and seeing everything that was going on!

"Let's get up on deck," Nessa said, and we did. We stood together by the rails and watched the lights of Southampton and the rest of England fade behind us—astern, I ought to have said! There was a cool breeze blowing, but it was not at all rough. At least, there were not any waves that you could call real waves. I wondered whether we would have been seasick if there had been.

"LET'S tour the ship," I said, and we did that next. We dodged in and out of the people promenading in ones and twos, ducked beneath the overhanging lifeboats, went through gates and up and down flights of narrow stairs, and every now and then stopped to look up at the mast-head light that was shining like a bright star. And then, because we still had not spotted our prey, we went inside again.

There were passengers every-
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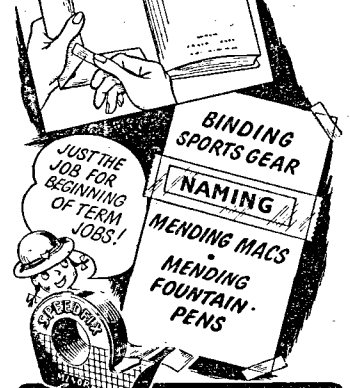


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- 5 Insatiable means easily satisfied, satisfied only for a time, or never satisfied?
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- 8 What player in first-class football has scored the most goals in one game?

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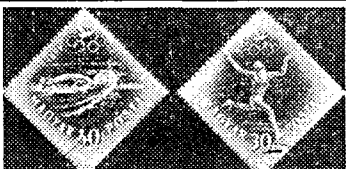
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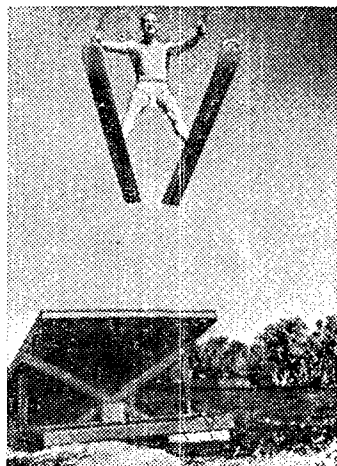
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SPORTS SHORTS

ROY PATRICK, Derbyshire school-boy footballer, is only 16; but he has already played for Derby County in a First Division League match. Working as an apprentice joiner, he plays as an amateur and gives promise of a great future.

AFTER being in the water for 73 hours 18 minutes, Antonio Abertondo, of Argentine, had to give up his attempt to swim 292 miles down the Mississippi River. He had covered 252 miles.

High jinks



Constant practice is the key to success for Bob Cuzzons, water ski-jumping champion from Florida.

JIM CORNFORD, who first played cricket for Sussex in 1931, recently left England to take up a coaching appointment in Southern Rhodesia. When he finished his last county game he had achieved a remarkable record for a fast-medium bowler: throughout his career he never bowled a no-ball.

IT is a real family affair when the Whites of Morden, Surrey, take part in a motor-cycle scramble. In the recent North v South scrambles at Pirbright, Mr. White was manager of the South team, his wife was one of the

organisers, and their sons Tony and Peter and nephew Ernie were riding for the South.

SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD Ann Phillips rounded off a wonderful season by winning the 1952 girls' golf championship. Daughter of the professional at the Whitefield golf club, Manchester, Ann is already an English international.

THE Eastern Counties Rugby Union recently held a three-day coaching course for schoolboys between the ages of 13 and 17. Each day, at least 80 boys from all over Essex paid their own expenses to attend the course at Wanstead. Two of them cycled from Westcliff each day, a round distance of 60 miles.

ARTHUR WINT, the long-striding West Indian quarter and half-mile runner, has decided to retire from international athletics. Aged 32, he has had a wonderful career on the track, including the winning of two gold Olympics medals.

ALF RAMSEY, Tottenham Hotspur and England footballer, is coaching the Eton Manor club this season. Eton Manor run several teams composed of boys from schools in the East London area, many of whom go to famous amateur and professional clubs.

TED WARD, one of the greatest Rugby League players of post-war years, has ended his career with the Bradford Northern club, and taken up soccer! He has joined the newly-formed Mid-Amman Rangers, a South Wales amateur club.

FOR six years the Essex football team of Brentwood and Warley have played on various grounds; now, thanks to the players, they have a ground of their own. They bought a field, knocked down two condemned houses, built a stand and terracing, converted an Army hut into a clubhouse, and laid 3000 drainage pipes—all in their spare time.

CROSS-CHANNEL QUEST

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where; sitting in the chairs and on the long settees, and moving up and down the stairways and along the decks and corridors—millions of them, it seemed!

"The trouble is," Ness said, "there's such a terrific lot of men who just *might* be him. Short, broad men with thick necks and dark faces. Half the men we've seen *could* be him!"

"I know," I said. "I've half thought I'd spotted him at least a dozen times!"

"Let's refresh our memories, Lance, shall we? Have a really good look at the photograph to get things clear again."

WE found a deserted spot with a fairly good light overhead, and Ness pulled out the postcard of Mr. A. We stuck our heads close together and tried to force the details of it to stick in our minds. The print on the back we could now recite without the tiniest slip; but it did not tie up as it ought to have done with the actual photograph.

And yet, when we really came to look at it we felt that we would have recognised Mr. A anywhere! No, there was no one among the passengers we had looked at who *could* possibly have been mistaken for Mr. A, now that we had refreshed our memories!

While I was peering at it, trying to "photograph" the photograph in my mind, I felt Ness go rigid. I froze, too. Something was up. And then I saw what she had seen.

IMMEDIATELY opposite where we were standing was a mirror let into the panelling, almost as big as a door. I could see Nessa and me reflected in it from top to toe. And I could see, behind the reflection of ourselves, another reflection. It was very close behind us—the reflection of a heavily-built man with a thick, short neck and very broad shoulders and a pale face that was very dark round the chin. He was staring keenly over our shoulders, straight at the photograph Ness was holding up to the light!

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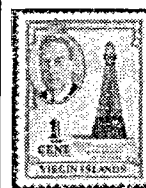
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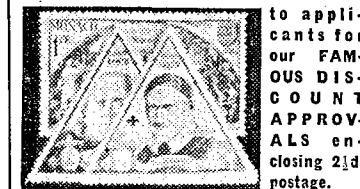
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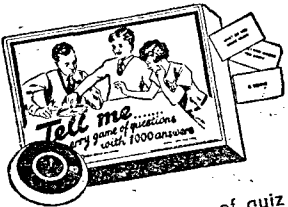


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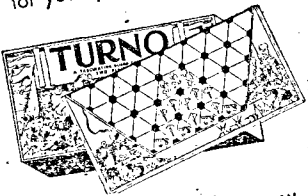
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His great achievements were in what we now call town-planning. He laid out Regent's Park and planned the Regent's Canal. The noble sweep of Regent Street was his, though all his buildings except All Soul's Church, in Langham Place, have now been replaced.

He planned the layout for Trafalgar Square, and began to rebuild Buckingham Palace, which had his Marble Arch as its imposing front entrance until it was moved to its present site in 1851. The handsome terraces overlooking Regent's Park, the east front of Carlton House Terrace, and many of the stately stucco-fronted houses of London's West End were also his work.

STUDENT IN LONDON

Nash is believed to have been a Welshman from Cardigan. He went to London as a young man to study architecture, but soon returned to Wales to look after some property he had inherited, and not until he was over 40 did he return to the capital.

By then he had established a high reputation for his work in Wales and the Border counties, and before long he became known to the Prince Regent.

The prince found him an amusing companion, despite a touch of snobbery and conceit, and it was doubtless this friendship which led to his obtaining so many important commissions.

At that time, the Government were considering schemes for converting Crown lands in Marylebone into a public park.

Nash was entrusted with the task, and Regent's Park was the result.

He also intended to build a wide, straight street from the Prince

Regent's house, Carlton House in Pall Mall, to a new palace to be built in Regent's Park; but a quarrel with the owner of some property led to the abandonment of the straight line in favour of the curved thoroughfare which still graces London.

Before building could be started in 1813, an area of tightly-packed houses had to be swept away; but the whole scheme was completed in 1820 at a cost of over £1,500,000.

The new palace was never built. Instead, it was decided to rebuild Buckingham House, which in 1761 had been bought by George III for his queen. Nash, who had already rebuilt the costly Royal Pavilion at Brighton for the Prince Regent, began his new task in 1821.

Things went wrong from the start. Nash was a brilliant planner, but careless over business details. Work was started, pulled down, and begun again.

COSTLY WORK

Soon it was evident that his estimate of £252,690 would be greatly exceeded. A Select Committee was appointed to inquire into the progress of the work. When they finally called a halt in 1830, after the death of George IV (the former Prince Regent), Nash had spent over £644,000 and the building was far from finished.

He was dismissed, and the completion of the palace was left to Edward Blore. Nash retired to the castle he had designed for himself at East Cowes, in the Isle of Wight, and there he died, aged 82.

Despite his occasional costly failures and his limitations as a designer, John Nash was undoubtedly the finest exponent of Regency architecture.

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THE BRAN TUB

WELL PREPARED

"GOING away, old chap?" asked a gentleman of a friend carrying two suitcases.

"Yes," was the reply.

"But why all these umbrellas?" he asked, indicating three under his friend's arm.

"Well, you know me. One to leave on the bus, one to leave on the train, and one in case it rains."

Double meaning

The two missing words are pronounced and spelt the same, but have different meanings. Can you find what they are?

Pir paused beside the untanned

"He's there," thought Don, "without a doubt."

"No matter where the rascal —, My terrier will scent him out."

OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Mars and Venus are in the south-west, and

Jupiter is in the south-east.

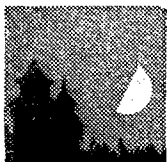
There are no planets visible

in the morning.

The picture shows the

Moon at nine

o'clock on Friday evening, September 26.



BEDTIME CORNER

Rover to the rescue

WHEN Billy and Paul went to call for their friend Jean they found her most upset.

Jean's mother kept a few chickens at the bottom of the garden, and Jean knew every one of them by name. But one she called Rosy was missing.

At that moment Rover, Billy's dog, came into the garden.

"Oh, take him out!" cried Jean. "He is sure to hurt the chickens."

Billy was quite sure that Rover would do nothing of the kind, but he led Rover out and shut the gate. Then he went back into the house, and the three children put their heads together to try to think where Rosy could have gone.

After a while they heard Rover barking outside the window.

"Quiet, boy!" called Billy. But Rover went on barking.

Finally Billy went out.

Rover immediately rushed to a hedge by the side of the

garden and raced back. Twice he did this, barking all the time.

Puzzled, Billy followed him. And there, huddled up and looking cold and bedraggled, was Rosy! She appeared to have hurt her leg.

Jean was overjoyed when Billy took the chicken indoors. And Rover, restored to favour, was treated to an enormous bone.

FAIRY LAMPS

WHEN the fairies hold their revels, on warm September nights,

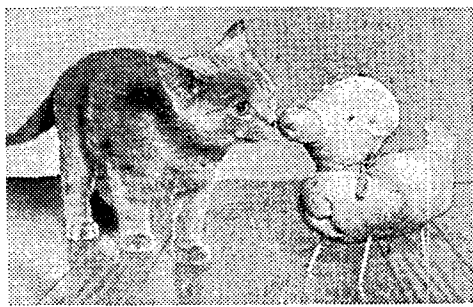
They ask the glow-worms to attend, and bring their pretty lights.

In the cool and dewy grass, each glow-worm shows her spark,

Like a dainty, glittering, jewel gleaming in the dark.

So if you see the glow-worms shining, you must tread with care,

For it's likely that the fairy-folk are dancing somewhere there.



"How d'ye do?"

Spud, the Persian kitten on a Somerset farm, was delighted to meet a new playmate, but his friendly greeting went unanswered. And no wonder; for the odd-looking animal on the right is a potato!

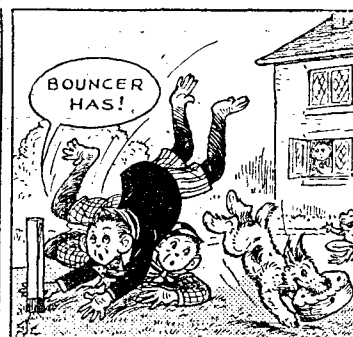
"THAT TAKES THE CAKE," SAID JACKO



Jacko and Chimp decided to race for the cake instead of sharing it.



Each thought he had only the other to beat, but Bouncer knew otherwise.



He knew that the race was just a "piece of cake" for him.

Spotting the numbers

SOME of the letters of motor-car registrations form words, so why not start a zoo by spotting the names of creatures so formed?

For example, there are cars bearing the letters HEN, DOG, CAT, FOX, and COW. There are bound to be others, either now or in the future, such as EMU, APE, SOW, OWL, RAT, and so on.

Military and civil decorations can also be seen in car registration numbers. Examples are DFM, MM, DSO, DFC.

HIDDEN PLACES

MY first is how we all like eggs. My next in deserts is most rare.

My whole is in the Isle of Wight, A Poet Laureate once lived there.

Answer next week

ZOO MONKEY'S VIEW

RED herrings don't come from the Red Sea—

At least, that is what I am told.

A Slow-worm is really a Lizard And a Golden carp's more brown than gold.

Blenheim oranges seem to be apples,

And to me it is rather absurd, That a Glow-worm is some kind of beetle,

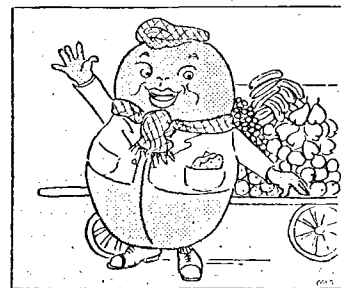
And a Jackass a species of bird. Canaries are sometimes bananas,

Which appears very odd you'll agree,

But the strangest of all are the Humans,

Who come here to chuckle at me.

Vegetable visions



SAID a cheery fat potato: "Of this I've always boasted, I'll not be baked or boiled, Chipped, or fried, or roasted, I'll be a London Barrow Boy, And greet the world as 'Matey!' I'll sell them every kind of fruit, But not one single tatey!"

CHAIN QUIZ

Solutions to the following clues are linked, the last two letters of the first answer being the first two of the second, and so on.

1. French naval port in Brittany; used as a German submarine base during the war; and besieged for six weeks after the invasion; it was largely destroyed.

2. Lofty structure surmounted with a spire, rising above the roof of a church.

3. Surname of a famous British author whose fame rests chiefly on his Book of Nonsense, first published in 1846.

4. Famous headmaster of Rugby during Tom Brown's Schooldays; his aim to train "Christian gentlemen" was the origin of the fine public school tradition.

Answer next week

Not for him

TWO young lads with similar leg injuries were in adjacent beds in the ward. When the doctor came round on his morning inspection he took hold of the first boy's leg, prodded it and twisted it slightly, and the boy gave a yell. Then the doctor examined the second boy. He took hold of his leg, prodded it, and twisted it, but the boy did not murmur, and the doctor moved on.

"I say," said the first boy, "you must be very brave."

"Oh, no," came the answer; "when I saw what he did to you, I showed my good leg."

RIDDLE IN RHYME

MY first is used for checking water,

My next is opposite to daughter. Now if you like to join the two, You'll make a fruit of dark wine hue.

Answer next week

FARMER GRAY EXPLAINS

The bird flew low over the children's heads and settled in an oak.

"It's a cuckoo," said Don to his sister Ann, admiring the handsome barred breast.

"But its back is brown," protested Ann. "I thought cuckoos had grey backs."

"Well, so did I," Don admitted. "Perhaps males are one colour and females another."

"No, Don," remarked Farmer Gray, overhearing. "Both sexes are alike but the young birds are brown at first."

"Don't cuckoos usually leave this country during August?" Ann asked.

"Yes, the adult birds do, but the young ones are often here as late as October," replied the farmer.

YOUNG QUIZ—answers

- 1 No, only in the Arctic.
- 2 In Ceylon.
- 3 The most noise.
- 4 A lizard.
- 5 Cannot be satisfied.
- 6 Bombay.
- 7 Hannibal.
- 8 J. Payne, who scored ten goals for Luton Town against Bristol Rovers in 1936.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Riddle-my-town

Riddle in rhyme

Flint

Glow-worms

Chain Quiz

Truro, Rossetti, Tito,

Tokyo

Wrong letters

Chair, table, lunch,

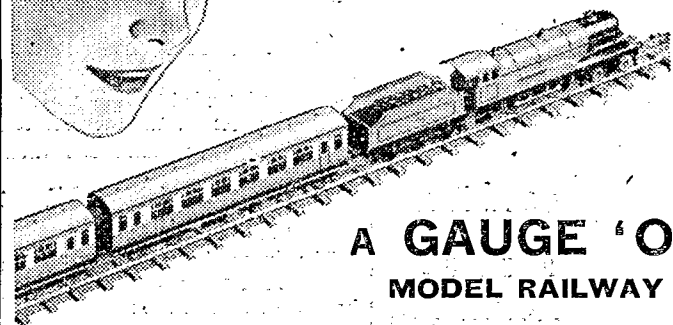
meal, boiled, ham,

carrots, beans, apple

pie, cream, tea

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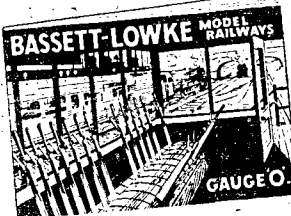


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